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SUBJECT: SPAIN AND USSR

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AREILZA ON OTHER MATTERS MORNING FEBRUARY 29, I MENTIONED TO HIM HARSH SOVIET CRITICISM OF SPAIN AS EXEMPLIFIED BY PRAVDA ARTICLE FEBRUARY 21 (REFTEL).

2. AREILZA SAID HE WAS NOT A BIT SURPRISED. HE TOLD ME THAT A SPANISH BUSINESSMAN WHO HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN MOSCOW HAD SEEN GROMYKO AND THE LATTER HAD LAUNCHED INTO A VIOLENT ATTACK AGAINST AREILAZ WHOM HE HAS NEVER MET. GROMYKO WAS HARSHLY CRITICAL THAT SPAIN HAD SUDDENLY, AND CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS, SIGNED THE TREATY. WHILE THE PRAVDA ARTICLE MAY NOT MENTION THE TREATY AS SUCH, THIS IS WHAT LIES BEHIND.

3. AREILZA ALSO TOLD ME THAT AS EARLY AS LAST DECEMBER, HE HAD BECOME AWARE THROUGH SOME OF HIS CONTACTS IN PCE THAT SPANISH COMMUNISTS WERE ORGANIZING NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY AGAINST US PRESENCE AND RENEWAL OF US/SPANISH AGREEMENT. IT WAS PARTLY BECAUSE OF  
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THIS THAT HE HAD BEEN SO ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE THE TREATY

IN A HURRY.

4. COMMENT: WHILE AREILZA DID NOT SAY SO, IT SEEMS  
CLEAR THAT, GIVEN PRESENT SOVIET ATTITUDE, ESTABLISHMENT  
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND USSR IS STILL  
CONSIDERABLY DOWN THE ROAD. IT IS PROBABLY ALSO TRUE  
THAT EVEN THOUGH MOSCOW MAY NOT FULLY APPROVE PRESENT  
POSITIONS OF SANTIAGO CARILLO AND PCE, IT WOULD BE RE-  
LUCTANT TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT WHICH  
HAS MADE SO ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO PART FOR  
PCE IN PRESENT SPANISH POLITICAL PROCESS.  
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